

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 238

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Shelby O. Turner
and Flossie Turner of Clarkrange.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the deaths of Dr. Shelby Turner and Flossie Turner; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Shelby Turner were distinguished citizens of the state of Tennessee who were very dedicated to their respective professions, community and family; and

WHEREAS, the son of Oscar and Viola Turner, Shelby O. Turner graduated as valedictorian of his class at Clarkrange High School in 1939; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from high school, Shelby Turner attended the University of Tennessee on a Sears Roebuck scholarship, graduating in 1943; and

WHEREAS, Shelby Turner proudly defended his nation during World War II, serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, after completing his military service, Shelby Turner returned to Clarkrange and taught agriculture and coached basketball at Clarkrange High School; and

WHEREAS, Shelby Turner returned to the University of Tennessee and received his master's degree in agriculture in 1955; and

WHEREAS, he entered medical school at the University of Tennessee and graduated in 1959, completing his internship in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Turner then began his medical practice in Fentress County, where he devoted his life to the community as a doctor for some 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Turner also remained involved in the family farm, where he developed one the finest herds of Angus cattle in the state; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shelby Turner served with acumen on the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association and was President of the Tennessee Angus Association; and

WHEREAS, he served fifteen years on the Fentress County School Board, in which position he worked assiduously for improvements in the educational system; and

WHEREAS, Flossie Hendricks Turner was the loving wife of Dr. Shelby Turner, who preceded her in death by one month; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of the late James A. and Lillie Gray Hendricks, Flossie was born in Sevierville on August 27, 1920; and

WHEREAS, Flossie Turner graduated as valedictorian of her high school class and was also a graduate of the Knoxville Business College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Flossie Turner was an active and vital part of her community, and was the founder of the Clarkrange Girl Scouts; and

WHEREAS, she was also instrumental in starting business and typing courses at Clarkrange High School and she served with sagacity on the Clarkrange Tanasi Council; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Turner were active and devout members of the Clarkrange United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the legacy and love that Shelby and Flossie Turner leave behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Shelby and Flossie were the proud parents of one daughter, Judy Turner Jones; and the proud grandparents of Kari Michelle Jones and Steven Turner Jones; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary lives of these fine Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Dr. Shelby O. Turner and Mrs. Flossie Turner,

remembering with admiration their exemplary characters and their many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. and Mrs. Shelby Turner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.